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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-18, 21, 22, 24 and 26-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 9-18, 21, 22, 24 and 26-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on July 13, 2007 has been entered. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, and 28-33 have been amended. Claims 8, 19, 20, 23, and 25 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-7, 9-18, 21, 22, 24, and 26-33 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 10, 15, 21, 32, and 33 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-7, 9-18, 21, 22, 24, and 26-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elsey et al (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: 2004/0184593 A1), in view of Celik (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: 2007/0021111 A1).

3. In regards to claims 1, 32, and 33, Elsey discloses a method, system, and computer-readable medium for obtaining contact information (See pg. 2, paragraph [0020]) comprising: receiving a request for contact-related information (e.g., telephone number) associated with a party, the request including identifying information (e.g., name, email address, etc.) associated with the party; and retrieving the contact-related

information associated with the party using the identifying information, the contact-relation information being different from the identifying information (See pg. 10, paragraph [0103] and pg. 12, paragraph [0130]). Elsey, however, does not disclose automatically adding the contact-related information to an address book that is associated with a user that requested the contact-related information in response to retrieving the contact-related information. Celik, however, does disclose automatically adding the contact-related information (e.g., name, mobile phone number, business phone number, home phone number, and email address) to an address book (See Fig. 2 and address book module/phonebook module 2055) that is associated with a user (e.g., second user) that requested (for example, the second user may request that the first user's contact information be added to his or her phonebook module) the contact-related information in response to retrieving the contact-related information (See pg. 1, paragraph [0006]; pg. 2, paragraph [0010]; pg. 2, paragraph [0012]; pg. 8, paragraph [0064]; and pg. 8, paragraph [0067]). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate this feature within the method and system, as a way of automatically inserting, updating, and maintaining contact information stored in a user's phonebook, thus providing less errors associated with manual data entry.

4. In regards to claim 2, Elsey discloses the method, wherein receiving a request including identifying information comprises receiving a request including one of a name, a telephone number, or a network identifier (See pg. 10, paragraph [0103]).

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5. In regards to claim 3, Elsey discloses the method, wherein receiving a request including identifying information comprises receiving a request including an e-mail address (See pg. 10, paragraph [0103]).

6. In regards to claim 4, Elsey discloses the method, wherein receiving a request including identifying information comprises receiving a request including one of an audio signal, a video signal, a photograph, or a digital image (See pg. 12, paragraph [0130]).

7. In regards to claim 5, Elsey discloses the method, wherein retrieving the contact-related information associated with the party comprises retrieving one or more of a home address, a business address, a digital image, an audio signal, a public record, or information associated with relatives of the party (See pg. 7-8, paragraph [0083] and pg. 10, paragraph [0101]).

8. In regards to claim 6, Elsey discloses the method, wherein retrieving the contact-related information comprises retrieving the contact-related information using a search engine (See pg. 7, paragraph [0075] and pg. 15, paragraph [0157]).

9. In regards to claim 7, Elsey discloses the method, wherein retrieving the contact-related information comprises retrieving the contact-related information using an operator network (See pg. 12, paragraph [0130] and pg. 15, paragraph [0157]).

10. In regards to claim 9, Elsey discloses the method, wherein adding the contact-related information to the address book is performed without user intervention (See pg. 4-5 lines [0049] and pg. 12, paragraph [0127]).

11. In regards to claim 10, Elsey disclose a method for obtaining contact information (See pg. 2, paragraph [0020]), the method comprising: receiving, by a service center

(See Fig. 1 and directory assistance system 100), a request initiated by a user for contact information associated with a telephone number; querying, by the service center and in response to the request, a directory means for the contact information; and receiving the contact information at the service center (See pg. 12, paragraph [0130]). Elsey, however, does not disclose automatically storing, via the service center, the contact information in a contact list associated with the user in response to receiving the contact information at the service center. Celik, however, does disclose automatically storing, via the service center (See Fig. 1, Mobile Operator-Over-The-Air Communication Platform 1014, and Mobile Operator Network 1016), the contact information (e.g., name, mobile phone number, business phone number, home phone number, and email address) in a contact list (See Fig. 2 and address book module/phonebook module 2055) associated with the user (e.g., second user) in response to receiving the contact information at the service center (See pg. 1, paragraph [0006]; pg. 2, paragraph [0010]; pg. 2, paragraph [0012]; pg. 8, paragraph [0064]; and pg. 8, paragraph [0067]).

12. In regards to claim 11, Elsey discloses the method, wherein the telephone number for which contact information is requested includes a telephone number associated with a call received by the user (See pg. 4-5, paragraph [0049] and pg. 12, paragraph [0126]).

13. In regards to claim 12, Elsey disclose the method, wherein the telephone number for which contact information is requested includes a telephone number previously dialed by the user (See pg. 4-5 lines [0049] and pg. 12, paragraph [0127]).

14. In regards to claim 13, Elsey discloses the method, wherein the telephone number for which contact information is requested is specified by the user (See pg. 12, paragraph [0130]).

15. In regards to claim 14, Elsey discloses the method, further comprising: providing the user with access to the contact information (See pg. 2, paragraph [0020]).

16. In regards to claims 15, 21, and 27, Elsey discloses in a system having a user terminal (e.g., originating telephone, See Fig. 1), a service center (See Fig. 1 and directory assistance system 100), and a server (See Fig. 1 and DL/C database server 136), a method for obtaining contact information (See pg. 2, paragraph [0020]), the method comprising: receiving, by the service center, a request from the user terminal for contact information associated with a telephone number; forwarding the request from the service center to the server; transmitting, in response to the request, a query including the telephone number from the server to a directory; receiving the contact information by the server from the directory; forwarding the contact information from the server to the service center (See pg. 7, paragraph [0074] – [0075]); and providing a user with access to the contact information (See pg. 2, paragraph [0020]). Elsey, however, does not disclose automatically storing the contact information in a contact list maintained by the service center in response to receiving the contact information, wherein the contact list is associated with the user. Celik, however, does disclose automatically storing the contact information (e.g., name, mobile phone number, business phone number, home phone number, and email address) in a contact list (See Fig. 2 and address book module/phonebook module 2055) maintained by the service

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center (See Fig. 1, Mobile Operator-Over-The-Air Communication Platform 1014, and Mobile Operator Network 1016) in response to receiving the contact information, wherein the contact list is associated with the user (e.g., second user) (See pg. 1, paragraph [0006]; pg. 2, paragraph [0010]; pg. 2, paragraph [0012]; pg. 8, paragraph [0064]; and pg. 8, paragraph [0067]).

17. In regards to claim 16, Elsey discloses the method, wherein transmitting a query including telephone number from the server includes transmitting a query including the telephone and an identifier associated with a user of the user terminal (See pg. 12, paragraph [0126]).

18. In regards to claim 17, Elsey discloses the method, wherein the directory includes a directory assistance service maintained by at least one service provider (See pg. 7, paragraph [0074]).

19. In regards to claims 18 and 26, Elsey discloses the method and system, wherein receiving the contact information by the server includes receiving at least one of a name, a street, a city, a state, a zip code, a facsimile number, or an e-mail address associated with the telephone number (See pg. 7-8, paragraph [0083] and pg. 10, paragraph [0101]).

20. In regards to claim 22, Elsey discloses the system, wherein the directory includes a directory assistance service maintained by at least one service provider (See pg. 7, paragraph [0074]).

21. In regards to claim 24, Elsey discloses the system, wherein the user device is one of a general purpose computer, a personal computer, a Blackberry device, a Ergo

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Audrey device, a wireless device, or a Personal Digital Assistant (See pg. 7-8, paragraph [0083]).

22. In regards to claim 28, Elsey discloses all of claim 28 limitations, except the system, wherein the service center stores the listing information in a contact list associated with the user. Celik, however, does disclose wherein the service center stores the listing information in a contact list associated with the user (See pg. 1, paragraph [0006]; pg. 2, paragraph [0010]; pg. 2, paragraph [0012]; pg. 8, paragraph [0064]; and pg. 8, paragraph [0067]).

23. In regards to claim 29, Elsey discloses the system, wherein the response received by the first server from the directory and forwarded to the service center indicates that information associated with the telephone number is not available to the public (See pg. 13, paragraph [0138]).

24. In regards to claim 30, Elsey discloses the system, wherein the response received by the first server from the directory and forwarded to the service center indicates a billing type associated with the telephone number (See pg. 6, paragraph [0070]).

25. In regards to claim 31, Elsey discloses the system, wherein the response received by the first server from the directory and forwarded to the service center includes at least one error message (See pg. 3, paragraph [0026] and pg. 13, paragraph [0138]).

Response to Arguments

26. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7, 9-18, 21, 22, 24, and 26-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

27. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Lindquist et al (US 6,687,362) teach an automatic address book update system.

28. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

29. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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30. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan K. Addy whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

31. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

32. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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